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[Insert Name of School/School District] Celebrates Farm to School Week

[Insert CITY/TOWN NAME], Miss. – Students at *[insert name of school/school district]* celebrated Mississippi Farm to School Week held October 4-8, 2021.

During Farm to School Week, students learned the importance of agriculture and eating healthy fruits and vegetables. *[Insert a description of activities to celebrate Farm to School Week such as dress up days, gardening activities, etc.]*. In addition, students enjoyed eating fruits and vegetables served in the lunchroom that were grown by Mississippi farmers.

[Insert a quote from a principal or teacher that recognizes the importance of farm to school.]

The first full week of October was designated as Mississippi Farm to School Week by the Mississippi Legislature in 2012. Farm to School Week was introduced in an effort to encourage schools to serve locally-grown and locally-raised agricultural products in their meals and to recognize the substantial economic and health benefits of farm to school programs. Farm to School Week draws attention to the vast number of crops that are grown in Mississippi and serves as an educational tool to teach children where their food comes from beyond the grocery store.

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